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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA AND ALBANIA

1. FSFA DIRECTOR FOR NEIGHBORING COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TELLS US GOY RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS MADE BY MLADENOV DURING HIS TALKS WITH MINIC IN NOV 11-13 1975 IS FIRM REAFFIRMATION OF DEMAND THAT BULGARIANS NOT JUST RECOGNIZE EXISTENCE OF MACEDONIA WITHIN YUGOSLAVIA BUT OF MACEDONIAN NATIONALITY WITHIN BULGARIA. RESPONSE MAKES CLEAR THAT PROGRESS IN OVERALL BULGARIAN-YUGOSLAV RELATIONSHIP IS "LINKED" TO PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE. FSFA OFFICIAL NOT SANGUINE THAT BULGARIANS WILL BITETHIS BULLET, AND HE ASSERTS YUGOSLAVS WILL NOT BE SATISFIED WITH ATMOSPHERICS. HE SAYS THIS IS BASIC POLICY DECISION REACHED AFTER EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN MINIC AND MOJSOV WITH CEMERSKI AND OTHER MACEDONIAN LEADERS AND DURING MEETING OF STATE PRESIDENCY.

2.OFFICIAL ALSO STATES YUGOSLAV-ALBANIAN RELATIONS UNDER STRAIN AS RESULT YUGOSLAV BORDER GUARD SHOOTING AND KILLING ALBANIAN FISHERMAN SUPPOSEDLY IN YUGOSLAV WATERS. HE CLAIMS ALBANIAN POLITBURO WANTS TO PROCLAIM DEAD FISHERMAN A NATIONAL HERO. SWEITZER

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